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Williams Supports Measure Increasing Prescription Drug Co-pay for State Elected Officials



HARTFORD- Noting that responsibility starts with those who are elected to hold office, State Representative Sean Williams (R-Watertown) today announced his support for legislation that would increase the prescription drug co-pay for state elected officials from three dollars for generic prescriptions to ten dollars and from six dollars for brand name drugs to fifteen dollars.

“This measure will save taxpayer dollars,” said Representative Williams. “The coverage of prescription drugs for state employees is a significant cost. If we are to ask for similar concessions from state employees during this budget year, it only stands to reason that legislators be willing to make the same concessions.

“I don’t think it’s unreasonable to expect legislators to be able to make this change,” added Williams. “People in the private sector generally pay much more for their prescription drugs than those of us covered by state plans. The health plan that the legislators and state employees receive is not even remotely in line with what most working families in the private sector receive, and to that end we have an obligation to make our benefits more in line with those we represent.”

The measure, Senate Bill 655, is currently before the Government Administration and Elections Committee of the General Assembly.